

Medical Rates

Rates are increasing

FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE MEDICAL DEDUCTIONS

FULL-TIME / BIWEEKLY PAID EMPLOYEE DEDUCTIONS ¹			FULL-TIME / MONTHLY PAID EMPLOYEE DEDUCTIONS ¹			
Employee Share	State Share	Total	Employee Share	State Share	Total	
Single	\$46.19	\$260.64	\$306.83	\$100.07	\$564.75	\$664.82
Family Minus Spouse	\$126.44	\$715.40	\$841.84	\$273.94	\$1,550.02	\$1,823.96
Family Plus Spouse ²	\$132.21	\$715.40	\$847.61	\$286.44	\$1,550.02	\$1,836.46

¹ These rates represent the total amount that will be deducted from your paycheck.

² Family Plus Spouse rates above include a charge of \$12.50 per month to cover a spouse.

Dependent Eligibility

- Dependents may receive medical coverage up to age 26
 - No student requirements
 - Dependents may be married
 - No financial or residency requirements for step children

Optum Rx Prescription Coverage

- ID Cards**
 - All employees will receive new prescription cards from OptumRx

- Specialty medications**
 - Specialty medications for serious medical conditions must be obtained from Briova Specialty Pharmacy.

- Preventative medications**
 - Certain preventative medications are required to be covered at no charge.
 - All of these require a prescription and may have certain quantity and/or age restrictions.

Behavioral Health

- Coverage is administered by Optum Behavioral Solutions
 - The plan provides 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week phone assessment and referral services.

- All employees and dependents enrolled in the state's medical plan are eligible for behavioral health coverage
 - Participants can visit any provider, but will pay more for out-of-network providers and facilities.

Dental and Vision

- Only one dental and vision plan offered
 - Delta Dental PPO
 - Vision Service Plan (VSP)

- Dependent eligibility for dental and vision coverage is NOT the same as medical
 - Dependent children are eligible up to age 23
 - Student certification is required

- You do not have to be enrolled in medical coverage to enroll in dental and vision coverage

Take Charge! Live Well!

- Wellness program
 - Well-being assessment
 - Biometric screening

- Assistance programs
 - Weight loss management
 - Tobacco management
 - Diabetes management

Supplemental Life Insurance

- You can purchase coverage during the open enrollment period to supplement the basic life insurance coverage the state provides.
- Supplemental life insurance is administered by Minnesota Life Insurance Company and may be purchased through payroll deduction.
- Dependents may be covered until their 26th birthday.

Open Enrollment Website

- DAS has provided detailed information on their website for the 2017 Open Enrollment. Please click on the link below to access the site:

<http://www.das.ohio.gov/OpenEnrollment>

Questions?

- If you have additional questions regarding your benefits, contact Jason Parsons at 466-4308.

From: Springhetti, Blake
Sent: Friday, June 2, 2017 1:29 PM
To: House_All
Subject: Co-Sponsor Request: Reduced Mandated Sick Days for Public Employees
Attachments: Co-Sponsor Request - Reducing Mandated Sick Days for Public Employees.pdf



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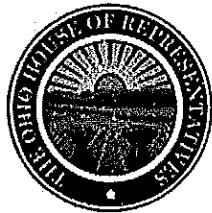
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Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 4:53 PM
Subject: GOP Week in Review 6/12/17 – 6/18/17



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GOP Week in Review

6/12/17 – 6/18/17

Columbus Dispatch: The Daily Briefing: Ohio Senate president talks insurance mandates at White House

He was joined by Sen. Steve Wilson, R-Maineville, Rep. Mark Romanchuk, R-Mansfield, and Rea Hederman Jr. of the Buckeye Institute.

Cincinnati Business Courier: Ohio dogs soon may get their day on restaurant patios

"I'm a huge animal advocate. There's a number of other states and municipalities that allow it. It's all over Europe," Lanese told me on Tuesday. "Why not allow restaurants to make the decision for themselves? They know their customers best."

Columbus Underground: New bill would allow dogs on restaurant patios

"This legislation gives businesses the freedom to decide for themselves whether or not to allow dogs on their patios," said State Representative Laura Lanese (R-Grove City), who sponsored the bill. "It is also a recognition of the importance of animals in our lives. We already have pet-friendly hotels, pet-friendly parks, and pet-friendly events. It's a good opportunity for marketing our state as pet-friendly for tourism purposes as many travelers want to bring their pets along with them while they travel."

WSYX: Lawmakers looking to allow dogs to dine at restaurants

The sponsor of the bill, Rep. Laura Lanese (R - Grove City) said she started working on the bill after hearing from several restaurant owners who had only recently learned they couldn't have dogs on the patio. She said she understands some people won't want to eat with dogs around.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: Ohio budget bill would expand wrongful conviction payouts

Rep. Bill Seitz, the Cincinnati Republican who sponsored the 2003 bill, said the court got it wrong. The legislature always intended procedural errors, regardless of when they occurred in the case, to make someone eligible for compensation.

WDTN: Ohio congressman hailed a hero for helping Scalise after Virginia shooting
“We’re at a time in our country,” Rep. Niraj Antani said. “Where we all just need to take a step back.”

Youngstown Vindicator: As senior population grows, so, too, must commitment to elder-abuse prevention

Three months ago, State Rep. Wes Rutherford, R-Hamilton, introduced House Bill 78, popularly known as the Elder Justice Act. It includes reforms to laws governing procedures of the JFS and Adult Protective Services in all 88 counties to better protect seniors from mistreatment.

The Daily Reporter: Lawmaker seeks tax credit to boost local voting

Rep. Steve Hambley, R-Brunswick, sponsor of House Bill 185, cited Ohio’s non-presidential election turnout — 40.37 percent — as justification for his bill.

Perry Tribune: Representatives introduce legislation on right to carry for off-duty officers

State Representatives Larry Householder (R-Glenford) and Laura Lanese (R-Grove City) have introduced legislation to protect the right of off-duty peace officers to carry a concealed weapon.

Dayton Daily News: Backers want Ohio Aviation Hall of Fame at future monument site

State Rep. Rick Perales, R-Beavercreek, has introduced a bill establishing a nine-member board to oversee the Hall of Fame and a 2022 deadline for construction.

Daily Advocate: Guest column from Rep. Keith Faber: Old Glory withstands the changes of time

As public servants of this great nation, our loyalty to “Old Glory” is of the utmost importance; we must uphold the values it represents.

Richland Source: Guest column from Rep. Mark Romanchuk: Remembering the significance of the flag

To many, the American flag is the ultimate symbol of the values that our nation was built on—democracy, equality, freedom, and more. Every day, it flies above us, standing strong in the face of the adversities our nation encounters.

Times Reporter: Guest column from Rep. Al Landis: Legislation strengthens our families and communities

An important part of the success of the House Republican Caucus is to have a focused, member-driven policy platform that serves as the guiding principle behind priority

legislation. Earlier this year, our caucus unveiled the Buckeye Pathway, our policy agenda for the 132nd General Assembly.

News Journal: Guest column from Speaker Rosenberger: Wilmington's indeed split-tacular

A banana divided in two, topped with three scoops of ice cream, and finished with chocolate syrup, whipped cream, and a cherry. What could possibly be more delicious on a hot summer day? To us in Wilmington, what makes the banana split so special is that it was originally created right here in 1907.

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From: Hucke, Justin
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Subject: Shari O'Neil

Dear Commissioners,

At each of the last two Commission meetings we discussed the issue of Shari O'Neil's compensation. As you are all aware, in addition to her role as Counsel for the Commission, she also took on the responsibilities of the Executive Director upon Steve Hollon's departure. Despite this elevation of position, and significant increase in workload, Ms. O'Neil was not provided with a raise.

In our meetings several Commissioners proposed Ms. O'Neil's compensation be increased, retroactively, to the level of Mr. Hollon's, from the date she was named Executive Director; in one meeting this proposal was unanimously supported by all present. Unfortunately, the OCMC does not have the funds to properly compensate Ms. O'Neil. If she is to be paid, the state budget, which is presently being finalized, will have to allocate funds for her salary.

Ms. O'Neil was invaluable throughout the years of the Commission. Her clear, reliable research and writing assisted multiple committees in reaching decision. Most recently, with the quick demise of the Commission, she has loyally stayed on, with an ever-shrinking staff, handling communications, creating and maintaining records, organizing meetings, supervising interns, etc. She deserves our support.

Please take the time to reach out to legislators in both parties to express your support for proper, and equal, pay for Shari O'Neil.

Janet Abaray, Richard Saphire, Karla L. Bell

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Subject: Medicaid Expansion Enrollment Freeze Information
Attachments: Freeze Brief.pdf; We The People Convention Expansion Freeze Poll.pdf



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To: House Republican Caucus
From: Representative Wes Goodman
Date: June 30th, 2017
Re: Medicaid Expansion Enrollment Freeze Information

I would first of all like to everyone who has offered their support to the Medicaid expansion enrollment freeze. As I said on this House floor, this is the most impactful action taken by any state to roll back and stop the Affordable Care Act, fulfilling promises we have all made to ensure a higher quality of care for all Ohioans. I thank you for your courage in joining me in the fight to ensure that our citizens are free to make their own healthcare choices, and that our Medicaid program is refocused on serving the truly vulnerable.

By now I am sure you have heard from detractors claiming that the freeze is not in the best interest of Ohioans. I encourage you to take a look at the following resources that support our decision and make clear that an expansion freeze is sound public policy.

- Attached: *Freeze Brief*, provides a general outline and talking points on the expansion freeze.
- Attached: *We the People Convention Expansion Freeze Poll*. This poll was taken yesterday, June 29th, and shows that 60.6% of all Ohioans and 81% of

all Republicans do NOT want Governor Kasich to line-item veto the expansion freeze.

- Articles by Buckeye Institute Executive Vice President Rea Hederman Jr, published in The Hill
 - Highlighting issues with the sustainability and level of care provided by Medicaid: <http://thehill.com/blogs/pundits-blog/healthcare/336600-medicare-doesnt-work-people-who-are-on-it-dont-have-better>
 - Highlighting and analyzing Ohio's role in "blazing the trail" on Medicaid reform: <http://thehill.com/blogs/pundits-blog/healthcare/339889-ohio-is-blazing-the-trail-on-healthcare-reform>
- National Review article analyzing the fallaciousness of the bombastic claim, "people will die!":
<http://www.nationalreview.com/article/448952/obamacare-repeal-will-not-kill-thousands>
 - Note that this article focuses on the claims being made about the Federal healthcare plans. This claim is even more detached from reality when used to decry our expansion freeze, which allows those currently covered to maintain coverage as long as they are eligible.
- Article by Foundation for Government Accountability VP of Research Jonathan Ingram, explaining how the expansion has drawn funding away from the truly vulnerable: <http://thehill.com/blogs/pundits-blog/healthcare/320620-freezing-obamacare-expansion-will-save-taxpayers-and-the-truly>
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- Poll from the Foundation for Government Accountability, showing that voters support freezing the Medicaid expansion: <https://thefga.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/National-MedEx-Freeze-Poll-1-23-17.pdf>
- An op-ed that I recently penned that was published by the Daily Signal: <http://dailysignal.com/2017/06/30/ohio-already-rolling-back-parts-obamacare-states-can/>

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to joining you next week to override the Governor's veto, if need be.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, or if I can be of assistance to you. My cell phone is (419) 210-0800 and I am available for questions anytime.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wes".

Medicaid Expansion Freeze Brief

What the Freeze Does

- Prohibits the Medicaid program from covering the Group VIII (expansion) population beginning on July 1, 2018.
- Exempts those with diagnosed mental illnesses or drug addiction, allowing them to enroll after the freeze date.
- Allows those expansion enrollees enrolled by July 1, 2018 to maintain their coverage until they become ineligible or the enhanced federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) for the Group VIII population is reduced by federal legislation.

Freezing expansion protects the truly needy

- Ohio's Medicaid waiting list enrollment sits at nearly 60,000. These are Ohioans with severe intellectual and developmental disabilities who aren't getting the care they need.
- Meanwhile, Ohio is spending billions on welfare for able-bodied (mostly childless) adults.
- Every penny spent on these adults is a penny that can't go to help Ohio's truly vulnerable.
- An enrollment freeze would immediately begin to make the truly needy a priority once again by moving able-bodied adults back to independence and freeing up limited resources for the vulnerable.

Freezing expansion protects taxpayers

- Ohio's Medicaid expansion has been overbudget since Day One.
- From January 2014 through March 2017, total expansion costs ran \$6.1 billion higher than originally projected in 2013 – an overrun of 94 percent. By the end of the year, that overrun will total a whopping \$8.3 billion.
- State taxpayers are now on the hook for 5% of these costs, with that share growing to 10% by 2020. Although the state has only been paying a share of the cost for a few months, the state's share has already run \$38 million over projections – an overrun of 125 percent. That overrun is projected to increase to \$145 million by the end of the year.
- Congress is poised to repeal the enhanced funding for expansion altogether. The House version of the American Healthcare Act (AHCA) would eliminate enhanced funding for new enrollees after 2020. The Senate version eliminates enhanced funding through a 3-year phase out, beginning in 2021.
- An enrollment freeze would stop the bleeding immediately, reducing costs and giving taxpayers much-needed relief. Based on the experiences in other states, freezing expansion enrollment at the end of the fiscal year will save between \$4.2 billion and \$5.5 billion over the next biennium. The state share of those savings would total between \$243 million and \$315 million.

Freezing expansion protects enrollees

- An enrollment freeze would allow current enrollees to stay on the program as long as they remain eligible.
- This avoids disruption for enrollees, allowing them to maintain enrollment until their situation improves enough that they can obtain insurance through the individual market or an employer.

Freezing expansion is politically popular

- A national 2017 poll found that voters support freezing Medicaid expansion enrollment by nearly two-to-one margins (53% to 33%).

Freezing expansion is practical and possible

- Other states have used enrollment freezes to unwind pre-ObamaCare expansions to childless adults and to unwind S-CHIP expansions.
- Freezes were previously approved by President Bush and President Obama.
- CMS can grant a waiver to allow states to freeze enrollment.
- CMS is set to release new guidance that will provide state options to freeze enrollment and reduce eligibility levels in the expansion.

Freezing expansion would have no effect on the drug addicted and mentally ill

- Mental health and addiction services accounted for only 5.62% of total expansion spending in 2016.
- Conference committee's version of the budget exempts individuals with mental health and drug addictions from the freeze, allowing them to enroll or reenroll past the freeze date of July 1, 2018.

Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Thursday, June 29, 2017

POLL SHOWS OHIOANS – ESPECIALLY REPUBLICANS – DEMAND MEDICAID EXPANSION FREEZE

Akron, OH – Tom Zawistowski, President of the We the People Convention announced the results of a statewide Ohio poll tonight concerning the Medicaid Expansion Freeze that was included in the Budget just passed on Wednesday by the Ohio House and the Ohio Senate. Contrary to polls put out by medical groups and others who benefit financially from Medicaid Expansion, the We the People Convention Poll shows that 60.6% of all Ohioans do NOT want Governor Kasich to line-item veto the Medicaid Expansion Freeze in the budget, which does not cut anyone's Medicaid benefits, but simply stops growing the program that is already \$7 Billion over budget. Furthermore, the survey showed that if Governor Kasich does line-item veto the Medicaid Expansion Freeze, a plurality of all Ohioans, 51.7% to 49.3%, said that they would want the Ohio House and Ohio Senate to reconvene next week and override the Governor's veto.

Since the state is controlled by Republicans and the Budget was pass with only Republican votes, all of them from Governor Kasich, to Speaker Rosenberger and Senate President Obhof, and every Republican in the Ohio House and Ohio Senate, will get a very strong message from the poll results from their Republican voters. A total of 81% of Republican voters do NOT want Governor Kasich to line-item veto the Medicaid Expansion Freeze. Then an equally strong 68.5% of Republican voters want Republicans in the Ohio House and the Ohio Senate to Override the Governor's Veto if required.

Commenting on the poll, Zawistowski said, "Ohioans understand that Governor Kasich's Medicaid Expansion is simply unsustainable. We credit the Republican members of the Ohio House and Ohio Senate, and their leadership, for recognizing that someone has to stop Kasich before he bankrupts Ohio. While we in the TEA Party/Liberty movement believe that Medicaid Expansion should be ended – it's not Medicaid it is welfare expansion – we were convinced that a first step of just stopping the growth of the program, without cutting anyone's benefits, was a "caring way" to take a first step as our Governor likes to say. We fully expect him to line-item veto the Medicaid Expansion Freeze because John Kasich sees no reason to ever stop giving other people's money away while pretending he cares so much about people – but never mentioning the tax payers who pay for all his misguided spending. Therefore, we also fully expect, and all Republicans should expect, all 59 House Members who voted for the budget with the Freeze in it on Wednesday, and ALL 7 members who did not vote for the budget, to join all 23 members of the Senate next Thursday, July 6th and impose some financial sanity on the Governor by overriding his veto and representing their constituents – particularly the tax payers in their districts who are paying the bill for this irresponsible and unnecessary spending."

This Ohio poll was conducted for the We the People Convention, Inc. by TRZ Communications Services, Inc. of Akron, Ohio which was the polling company that first predicted the Trump Ohio landslide victory in last year's Presidential election. This automated poll was conducted on Thursday, June 29, 2017 between 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM. The poll was designed to gather public opinion on the issue of Freezing Medicaid Expansion in Ohio. Calls were placed to 45,105 randomly selected voters from our data base of 4.5 million current land line phone numbers in Ohio. Of the 9,901 who answered our call, 625 respondents completed our automated poll, a 6.3% response rate. The poll has a margin of error of $\pm 4.0\%$ at the 95% confidence level. Demographically 26.99% of respondents vote Democrat, 29.6% vote Republican and 43% do not affiliate with any party. The gender breakdown was 57.68% women and 42.32% men. Results were gathered from 80 of the 88 Counties in Ohio. Every age group from 24 year olds to 90 year olds were surveyed.

Answer	Number	Percent	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Veto the Freeze	246	39.4%	35 - 19%	90 - 52.3%	121 - 45%
Do NOT Veto the Freeze	379	60.6%	149 - 81%	82 - 47.7%	148 - 55%
Override the Veto	317	51.7%	126 - 68.5%	65 - 37.8%	126 - 46.8%
Do NOT Override the Veto	308	49.3%	58 - 31.5%	107 - 62.2%	142 - 53.2%

Source: <http://www.wethepeopleconvention.org/>

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Commissioners & Others,

I have attached my op-ed from the July 9, 2017, Columbus Dispatch on the work of the Commission. I recognize some of you may have already seen it, but I know many of you are not in the Dispatch delivery area.

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Dear Co-chairs Tavares and Dever, and Members of the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission,

I am pleased to announce that final reports for the full Commission, as well as for all six subject matter committees, have been completed and are now posted to our website under “June 30” for each of those groups.

The Commission report includes biographies of all current and previous members, a summary of all of the activities of the Commission, and the minutes and reports and recommendations. The committee reports similarly include summaries of the committees’ work, the minutes, and the reports and recommendations.

It is hoped that these reports will provide an easy reference for anyone who wishes to understand the work that has been done. We are providing printed copies to the two co-chairs, to the clerks of both chambers of the General Assembly, and to the Legislative Service Commission Library. Unfortunately, time and cost prevent providing printed copies to all members of the Commission; however, you may download a copy from the website for your own use.

I owe a huge debt of gratitude to our intern Chris Gawronski for putting together the reports. Steve Steinglass and I assisted with the summaries, but Chris organized the entire project and was extremely helpful in designing the reports, obtaining photographs, editing and writing some of the text, and handling the printing, among other tasks.

Recognizing that today is the last day, I have made arrangements with LSC to transport all of our printed materials to the library. Our website will stay up, and I am arranging for the last reports and recommendations to be added to the site. Draft minutes from the last meeting of the full Commission and the Constitutional Revision and Updating Committee have been posted. I believe you should be able to find anything you may need on the site.

Any questions about the website, about fiscal matters, or about anything else, can be directed to LSC. Here are the relevant individuals:

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I think we can all agree this has been an interesting journey. For my part, I have learned more about Ohio history, about American history, and – oddly – about British history than I expected from a job where I was hired to do legal research. I now know about our state financial system, about elections law, about how our local governments are organized, and about the sources and objectives of our rights as citizens. This job has been a civics lesson on steroids and I have loved every minute of that learning process. I have met some terrific people, and have felt a sense of pride in what we were all working together to try to accomplish – the formation of a more perfect union.

As many have said about our U.S. Constitution, it is what binds us as a people when, in so many other ways, we are of such different backgrounds and views that, otherwise, our American experiment could never work. This is also true of our state constitution, and the shared task of working on it bound all of us together despite the different parties and interests reflected in the membership of the Commission.

This is what I choose to take away from this experience. I am hopeful that a future Commission will recognize our accomplishments and will understand that, even though we were not able to reach all of our goals, our work was useful and important.

I wish all of you the best and I thank you for the kindness and support you have shown me and the rest of our staff. If you would like to stay in touch, I may be reached at mnsoneill@gmail.com.

My very best regards,

Shari O'Neill

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The Columbus Dispatch

Column: There's work to do to streamline Ohio Constitution

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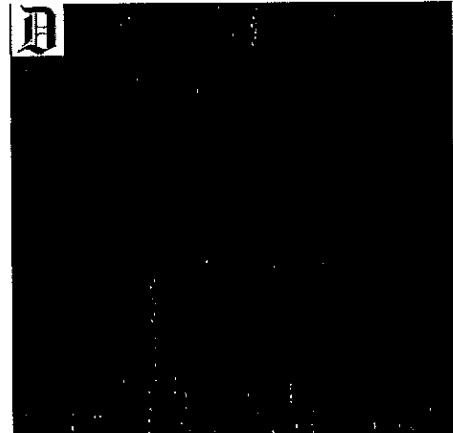
On June 30, the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission met a premature death at the hands of the General Assembly. Created in 2011 for a 10-year term, the commission was charged with comprehensively reviewing the Ohio Constitution.

With nearly 57,000 words and more than 220 sections, the Ohio Constitution is the 10th-longest in the nation and the second-oldest outside New England. More than seven times as long as the U.S. Constitution, our constitution is full of obsolete, unconstitutional, statutory-like and dysfunctional provisions and it lacks the clarity and transparency one should expect in a state's fundamental charter.

Once the primary method for revising state constitutions, conventions have fallen out of favor, and Ohio's last constitutional convention took place in 1912. Conventions have been replaced by constitutional revision commissions, and Ohio had a successful experience with large-scale constitutional revision in the 1970s with the bipartisan Ohio Constitutional Revision Commission.

In 2011, the General Assembly sought to replicate that experience by creating the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission, a bipartisan commission of 32 members: 12 legislators equally divided by chamber and party and 20 public members. The General Assembly charged the commission with reviewing the constitution and recommending changes.

The General Assembly, in turn, could move commission-proposed amendments to the ballot for a vote by the people. Slow to start, the commission was not fully staffed until mid-2014. But during its three-year working life, it approved recommendations to repeal or amend 21 sections. This included proposed repeals of two obsolete sections involving the judiciary (courts of conciliation and supreme court commissions); two obsolete sections involving the directors of the state penitentiary; nine obsolete sections involving bonds that had been paid off; and five obsolete sections involving the defunct Sinking Fund Commission.



It also included the proposed adoption of two technical provisions involving state debt and one proposed replacement of the offensive phrase "the insane, blind, deaf and dumb" in a section authorizing services for the handicapped. If the General Assembly presents these proposals to the voters and they are approved, the constitution will be shortened by more than 20 percent.

The commission also recommended no changes in 39 sections. And in 2015 the work of the committees contributed to two amendments that the voters approved: Issue One (apportionment) and Issue Two (anti-monopoly). Still, the Ohio Constitution remains full of provisions that the commission did not act upon. Space limits do not permit a full review of the unfinished agenda, but it is noteworthy the commission did not make recommendations on:

- Committee-approved proposals to strengthen the statutory initiative, revise term limits for state legislators, reform grand jury proceedings, replace the offensive phrase "idiot, or insane person" from those who are denied the right to vote, and remove inappropriate gender-specific language from 38 sections;
- Unconstitutional provisions establishing a right to refuse to participate in federal health-care programs, barring same-sex marriage, placing term limits on members of the U.S. Congress and permitting prosecutors to comment on the invocation of the privilege against self incrimination;
- Obsolete provisions authorizing preferential votes for U.S. senators (supplanted by the 17th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution), and requiring popular votes before granting banks new powers such as the power to issue currency;
- Detailed provisions better suited for statutes such as those on casino gambling, the minimum wage, and the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board, and;
- Highly visible topics such as congressional redistricting, lame-duck sessions, single-subject limitations on logrolling, the "thorough and efficient" education mandate, election of local school boards, selection of the state board of education, judicial selection, eminent domain and home rule.

The premature sunset of the commission also resulted in the following Articles receiving little or no review: Article III (Executive); Article X (County and Township Organizations); Article XII (Finance and Taxation); Article XIII (Corporations); Article XVI (Amendments); and Article XVIII (Municipal Corporations).

Despite its inability to complete its task, the commission left behind a substantial record, and its proceedings and reports are available on the commission website. And those who care about the state of our state and the state of our state constitution will be able to review this record as they consider the next attempt at constitutional modernization in Ohio.

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McConnell on Health Care: "It's Time to Move On"

At 1:39 a.m. on Friday morning, Senator Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) took to the floor and pronounced the Senate Republican health care bill dead. It was the most dramatic night in the U.S. Senate's recent history, which climaxed with a dramatic thumbs down vote by Arizona Republican John McCain. After the failed vote, McConnell said: "Now I think it's appropriate to ask what are their [Democrats] ideas. It would be interesting to see what they suggest as the way forward."

The legislation, dubbed a "skinny repeal" of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), lacked specifics but was framed by Republican leaders on both sides of the Capitol as the way to begin a negotiation between the House and Senate on a large health care package. Before the vote, Republican leaders knew that they had no margin of error as Senators Susan Collins (R-Maine) and Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska.) had already announced their intention to vote against the legislation and Republicans could not afford any other defections, given their slim 52-48 majority. McCain, who made a dramatic return to the Senate earlier in the week after it was announced he had been diagnosed with brain cancer, had not yet signaled how he intended to cast his crucial vote. But his Republican colleagues spent much of the time before the vote trying to persuade him to vote with them. Even Vice President Mike Pence, who was in the chamber in case there was a need to cast a tie-breaking vote, walked over to McCain at 12:44 a.m. to persuade him to vote "yes." For the next 21 minutes, the vice president pressed McCain, Collins and Murkowski to change their votes, but ultimately was unsuccessful.

What the failed health care vote means for Washington going forward remains unclear. On CNN's "State of the Union" on Sunday morning, White House budget director Mick Mulvaney told Jake Tapper that "in the White House's view they can't move on in the Senate" to other issues until they pass a health care bill. He said that the Senate "should stay and work and figure out a way to solve this problem." But given that Congress has a packed calendar and fast approaching deadlines, including passing a budget by Sept. 30 to keep the government operating, as well as raising the debt ceiling before the government defaults in October, it is unlikely McConnell will spend any more precious floor time on health care, at least in the short term.

While disappointed, conservatives inside the beltway have signaled that it is time to move on to tax reform. Tim Phillips, president of the conservative Americans for Prosperity, on the failure to repeal and replace the ACA said, "it's time to pivot to tax reform. There's no time to pout."

D.Y.K.? On July 28, Democratic U.S. Rep. John Delaney of Maryland became the first prominent elected official to announce his candidacy for president in 2020. According to Five Thirty Eight, in the past 45 years, there's no record of any serious candidates announcing that they're running for president this early. In the 2016 cycle, Ted Cruz was the first to declare among Democrats and Republicans. He did so on March 23, 2015 — that was 315 days before the Iowa caucuses.

Can Republicans Pivot to Tax Reform?

After their health care bill died on the Senate floor last week, Republican congressional leaders have begun shifting their attention to another equally herculean task: reforming the U.S. tax code. The White House, Treasury and congressional leaders issued a six-paragraph statement last Thursday showing their commitment to pursuing tax reform before the end of 2017. In a symbolic statement, the so-called "Big Six" of top lawmakers and administration officials vowed to reduce tax rates, simplify the tax code, and improve U.S. economic growth by updating tax laws. While the announcement merely presented a broad mission without delving into any policy specifics, one of the most controversial topics in the tax reform debate was officially abandoned. The border adjustment tax, or the tax on imports, was formally stripped from tax reform discussions. This comes following fierce backlash from retailers, and other import-dependent industries and conservative activists who argued that it was a tax on consumers and would hinder economic activity.

The "Big Six", made up of Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wis.), House Ways and Means Chairman Kevin Brady (R-Texas), McConnell, Senate Finance Chairman Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, and Gary Cohn, the director of the National Economic Council, will have an extremely busy August as they begin crafting tax reform measures after losing one of the largest ways to fund tax cuts, i.e. repeal of the ACA tax provisions. Brady, who supported border adjustability said last week, "for us to unify it was important to set it aside, for now. We've been actively exploring with the Senate and White House a viable alternative," he added. "[We] still have work to do but I like the path we're going."

That path will prove difficult. Republicans plan to use the congressional tool known as budget reconciliation to push tax reform through the Senate without Democratic votes. But any provisions in a reconciliation package that would add to the deficit outside the 10-year budget window must be temporary. Most likely to end up as permanent would be cuts to business and individual rates while the elimination of various individual tax breaks, including the federal deduction for payment of state and local taxes are at stake. NCSL has joined with the other Big 7 state and local groups actively and

adamantly opposing this approach. Specifics for tax reform will be planned during the August recess and Republican leadership will begin whipping members into line on passing a budget to serve as a vehicle for tax reform. It remains to be seen if Ryan, McConnell and President Donald Trump will be able to sell the tax reform plan to the public. Public support will be vital if comprehensive tax reform is to ever be realized.

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Congress Will Have a Busy Fall

While the Senate will remain in session for the next two weeks to work on issues that have been sidelined during the health care debate, the House has adjourned for a five-week recess and won't return to Washington until September. And September is shaping up to be a critical month in Washington for Congress and the Republican agenda. Even if health care legislation remains sidelined, Republican leaders will need to secure the votes to keep the government funded and to raise the debt ceiling, which will likely expose the ideological divisions within the GOP again. If Republicans have trouble sending "must-pass" legislation to the president's desk, it will portend an even tougher path for other major initiatives for this Congress, including comprehensive tax reform.

Here are a few of the big-ticket items that Congress must address this fall:

- **Pass an Appropriations Bill:** FY 2018 begins on Oct. 1. Rumors on the Hill indicate that as of now, Congress will likely extend funding until December, and then fight over the rest of the year's funding in the final month of the year. Failure to pass a spending measure in time, which would result in a government shutdown, would be devastating for Republicans and their agenda in Washington.
- **Raise the Debt Ceiling:** Congress has not made any headway on a plan to lift the nation's debt limit because of infighting in the administration and on Capitol Hill on whether or not the raise should come with strings attached. Lawmakers have until October to get this done and, if history repeats itself, don't expect a deal until the last minute.
- **Reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration:** Although bills are under consideration in both chambers, the House and the Senate will need to resolve differences, including whether to privatize the nation's air traffic control system.

- **The Children's Health Insurance Program**, which provides health care coverage to more than 8 million kids, is authorized through 2019, but the funding expires at the end of the current fiscal year, on Sept. 30.
- **Reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program**: The program is set to expire at the end of September. The program has come under scrutiny following its handling of claims from Superstorm Sandy in 2012 and fiscal hawks are concerned about the program's ballooning \$24 billion debt. Numerous members have called for reforms, including proposals for privatization.

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D.Y.K.? The longest terms of office in the U.S. government, aside from judges, are the comptroller general and the assistant comptroller general. They hold office for 15. The current comptroller general is Eugene Louis Dodaro, who assumed his post Dec. 22, 2010.

House Committee Approves Autonomous Vehicle Legislation; Senate Committee Expected to Follow Suit Shortly

On July 27, the House Energy and Commerce Committee approved H.R. 3388, Safely Ensuring Lives Future Deployment and Research In Vehicle Evolution Act (SELF DRIVE Act). The bill aims to update federal regulations, requirements and preemption language related to autonomous vehicles and vehicle technology. Most important, the bill includes language that would expand federal preemption of states from motor vehicle safety to include automated driving systems, or components of automated driving systems.

While still an expansion of current preemption, the final language approved by the committee was changed from earlier versions after a letter from a number of major state associations, including NCSL, the National Governors Association, and others that called on the committee to ensure that states continue to serve in their traditional role as regulators of vehicle operations. Additionally, the letter, spearheaded by NCSL, was successful in revising language regarding exemptions of federal motor vehicle safety standards (FMVSS), and vehicle safety assurance requirements from earlier versions of the bill.

There is a similar ongoing effort on autonomous vehicles in the Senate. On June 13, Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee Chairman John Thune R-S.D.), Ranking Member

Bill Nelson (D-Fla.) and Senator Gary Peters (D-Mich.) introduced a set of principles on self-driving vehicle legislation. The six principles outlined include:

- Prioritizing motor vehicle safety to ensure that federal standards are eventually set.
- Promoting innovation and reducing roadblocks by ensuring that existing rules are updated to account for this new technology.
- Remaining tech-neutral to avoid favoring one business model over another.
- Reinforcing separate federal and state roles to ensure the federal government sets vehicle safety standards while states regulate the driver, and while also making targeted updates for this new technology.
- Strengthening cybersecurity to ensure the vehicles are safe to operate.
- Educating the public around the differences between conventional and self-driving vehicles.

It remains unclear when the Commerce Committee will release a formal bill although a markup is not anticipated until September, at the earliest.

NCSL Contacts: Ben Husch, Kristen Hildreth

DYK? President James Garfield could write Latin with one hand and Greek with the other ... at the same time.

NCSL's States' Agenda to be Adopted at Boston Legislative Summit

Next week, the NCSL Standing Committees will meet to consider almost 50 policy directives and resolutions during NCSL's Legislative Summit in Boston. If approved by at least three-fourths of the states in the committees, the policy directives and resolutions will then be considered at the annual Business Meeting. To be part of NCSL's States Agenda, policy directives and resolutions will again need to be adopted by at least three-fourth of the states. These policy directives and resolutions will guide NCSL's advocacy efforts before Congress and the administration.

Below is a link to the policy directives and resolutions the NCSL Standing Committees expect to consider during their meetings on Sunday, Aug. 6, and Monday, Aug. 7. Final votes on all policy directives and resolutions reported from the standing committees will take place at the annual NCSL Business Meeting, scheduled for Monday, Aug. 7, from 3:15--5 p.m.

More on the NCSL Policy Process can be found [here](#).

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NCSL President-elect Senator Deb Peters Testified Before Congress

NCSL President-elect Senator Deb Peters (R) of South Dakota testified before the House Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law last Tuesday in opposition to the No Regulation Without Representation Act, H.R. 2887. Peters explained in her testimony that the legislation would preempt countless laws in every state and would cede even more control to the federal government. "Congress has persistently endeavored to erode state sovereignty and undermine the significance of the 10th Amendment in favor of more centralized power at the national level," Peters said. "This erosion of state sovereignty has only accelerated in recent years as the congressional thirst to dictate state governance apparently cannot be quenched."

In her written testimony, Peters cited some of the hundreds, or even thousands, of state laws that would be preempted by the No Regulations Without Representation Act, including state laws that prohibit the possession of Salvia, laws that would address the opioid crisis, and laws that protect against invasive species. She also said the legislation being discussed in the hearing would have shut down efforts by states to collect sales taxes on remote transactions and would preempt numerous other tax laws, such as corporate income taxes, in 25 states.

In general, the members of the subcommittee were sympathetic to the concerns raised by Peters, and most offered little or no support for the No Regulation Without Representation Act. Representative Doug Collins (R-Ga.), in his comments, stated that because of the broad and preemptive nature of the bill, "I cannot support the approach we are taking in the subcommittee here today in considering this legislation."

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The July 24, 2017 Capitol-to-Capitol can be found [here](#).

If you have comments or suggestions regarding Capitol-to-Capitol, please contact [Max Behlke](#).

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Wednesday, August 2, 2017

Renacci, Husted at Odds over Campaign Donation through PAC

Following a report from the *Columbus Dispatch* saying U.S. Rep. Jim Renacci funneled federal campaign money to his state campaign for governor through a PAC, the Renacci campaign has denied any legal wrongdoing, while Secretary of State and fellow gubernatorial candidate Jon Husted characterized the donation as improper.

<http://www.dispatch.com/news/20170802/renacci-campaign-denies-improper-contribution-to-gubernatorial-campaign>

DeWine Won't Participate in Upcoming GOP Gubernatorial Debate

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine announced Wednesday that he will not be attending a debate organized by Americans for Prosperity featuring the four Republican candidates for Ohio governor, saying it's too early in the race. Though a downtown Columbus venue and moderators have been selected, DeWine's refusal could prompt recusals from the other three.

http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2017/08/mike_dewine_passes_on_republic.html#incart_river_index

Issue 2 Supporters Weigh Legal Action on Opponents' Campaign Finance Report

Proponents of Issue 2 say they will be filing a complaint with the state following the release of a campaign finance report from the issue's opponents that shows all contributions came from a single LLC.

Cleveland.com reports proponent spokesman Dennis Willard voiced a need for greater transparency, and attorneys are exploring other possible legal actions.

http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2017/08/issue_2_supporters_question_cr.html#incart_river_index

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Additional \$60K Donation Refund Possible by Householder

Following Rep. Larry Householder's (R-Glenford) \$70,000 refund to the Summit County Republican Party, the *Columbus Dispatch* reports he may have to return an additional \$60,000 donation made by the Cuyahoga County Republican Party. A memo issued by House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville) indicates state legislative campaigns may not accept more than \$12,708 from an individual county party unless the candidate's district is located within that county.

<http://www.dispatch.com/news/20170803/householder-may-have-to-return-more-improper-campaign-cash>

GOP Gubernatorial Debate Cancelled; Taylor Voices Frustrations

Following recusals from Mike DeWine and Jon Husted, the expected Republican gubernatorial debate in Columbus organized by Americans for Prosperity has been cancelled, and The *Columbus Dispatch* reports Lt. Governor Mary Taylor is unhappy with the decision. Taylor said she is "appalled by the decision to postpone the first debate."

<http://www.dispatch.com/news/20170803/mary-taylor-ticked-at-other-gop-candidates-for-skipping-debate>

Big Unknown for Ohio Dems: Will Cordray Run?

The *Springfield News-Sun* asks the question on the minds of many Ohio Democrats: will U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau chief Richard Cordray run for Ohio governor? Given his history as state attorney general and state treasurer, the *News-Sun* says he could fare well in a primary battle. According to former State Rep. Mike Curtin (D-Marble Cliff), Cordray is being "extremely careful about whatever federal rules he is under regarding not engaging in politics."

<http://www.springfieldnewssun.com/news/state--regional-govt--politics/all-eyes-one-democrat-yet-make-decision-run-for-governor/TdjqWCr782Bl46X3nRFm2I/>

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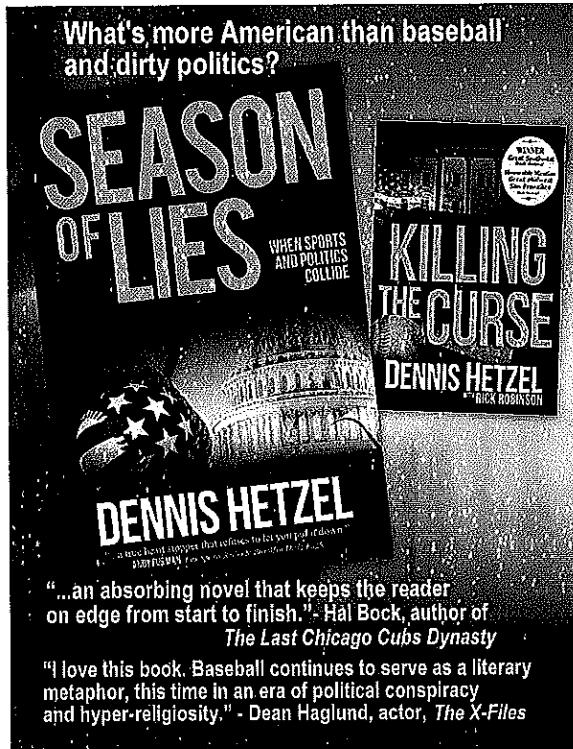
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Subject: Fwd: Please join Dennis Hetzel at the Polaris Barnes & Noble



Dear Columbus-area Friends and Colleagues:

In my earlier life as a reporter and editor, I was accused of writing or publishing fiction a few times, but certainly never did it on purpose.

Now I have.

Many of you know me as the executive director of the Ohio News Media Association. I have drawn on my experience as a journalist, media executive, lobbyist, political junkie and obsessive Chicago Cubs fan in my new sports-political thriller, "Season of Lies." The story follows the events in my award-winning debut novel, "Killing the Curse."

The premise: What if there was a presidential candidate with a dark secret that could derail his reelection, put his life at risk and destroy his marriage? What if a star Major League Baseball pitcher became involved in the president's campaign, threatening his own career and the Cubs' chances at a World Series championship?

The baseball and political seasons come to a head in "Season of Lies." (Headline Books, Inc.) **I hope you will join me for my event at Barnes & Noble in Polaris, 1560 Polaris Parkway in Columbus, from 7-9 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 12.**

We can talk about baseball, politics, fake news, dirty tricks, writing or anything else you'd like to discuss. We will have books available for signing. Trust me: You do not have to be a fan of the Cubs or even much of a baseball follower to enjoy the story.

I also invite you to learn more about my books at my website, dennishetzl.com, my [Facebook author page](#), or at [@DennisHetzl](#) on Twitter.

Thanks for considering. Please join us at Barnes & Noble on Sept. 12.

Dennis Hetzel

P.S. To learn more about the book, I recommend this recent review of "Season of Lies" from Chicago's Windy City Reviews: <http://windycityreviews.org/book-reviews/2017/8/10/book-review-season-of-lies.html#entry35953658>

"...a realistic thriller... If there was ever a fiction book about shifting power and the puppet masters who do the shifting, this is it."

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Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 8:33 AM
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Subject: FW: Leave in the Event of Natural Disaster

FYI. Thank you-

Jason

From: Jessica.Friedhoff@das.ohio.gov [mailto:Jessica.Friedhoff@das.ohio.gov] **On Behalf Of** Tom.Cruse@das.ohio.gov
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Subject: Leave in the Event of Natural Disaster

Good morning HR Administrators,

On Friday, August 25, 2017, Hurricane Harvey hit the Texas Gulf Coast and Southwest Louisiana. Although Harvey has been downgraded to a tropical storm, it is slow moving and has produced more than 20 inches of rain in some areas. A spokesman for the National Hurricane Center in Miami estimated that some parts of Southeast Texas could see as much as 50 inches of rain.

DAS recognizes that in the event of a national disaster, employees may have questions about taking leave to personally assist in the relief efforts. The Ohio Revised Code, the Ohio Administrative Code and State of Ohio policies provide guidance regarding a state employee's eligibility to participate in recovery efforts. A spreadsheet with the types of applicable leave and their requirements can be found on the DAS Human Resources Division's Office of Policy website: [Disaster Relief and Recovery Policy](#). The website identifies the types of leave that state employees may be eligible for as a result of a natural disaster. However, nothing prevents an employee from requesting to use their own vacation, compensatory, or personal leave balances, subject to agency approval in accordance with agency policy and any applicable collective bargaining agreement.

Please read and share this document with your teams. If you have questions or need additional information about leave eligibility, please contact your OCB Labor Relations and Human Resources Policy Analyst at 614-752-5393 and dashrd.hrpolicy@das.ohio.gov.

Thank you,

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From: Rossman, Brent
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Good morning everyone,

Since I started in the House, I've had the Ashbrook Center's pocket Constitution and Declaration perched upon my desk. It's a neat little booklet that also contains Lincoln's Second Inaugural, the Gettysburg Address, and excerpts from some of Thomas Jefferson's letters. I've turned to it many times for inspiration, and occasionally, for work purposes. I carried this same pocket constitution while I was in college, when I was just beginning to understand the depth of meaning contained in our Founding documents.

Now, I am excited to carry this same little booklet back to the Ashbrook Center to embark on a new chapter in my career. With it, I carry back a deeper understanding of the legislative process, and great experiences in politics. It still astounds me that we all have had the opportunity to help make law and improve the lives of 11.5 million people. I'm incredibly grateful for the opportunity to serve the people of Ohio. These experiences will all help me with my new mission of cultivating good civics education in our country through the use of primary source documents.

Better yet, I'll also carry with this little booklet memories and friendships that will last a lifetime. I'll miss the House, but I won't be far away. Feel free to stay in touch. My cell is 419-561-0073 and my personal email is brossman4913@gmail.com

Sincerely,

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Congress Shifts to Tax Reform

On Sept. 27, Trump and the "Big Six"— which includes Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wis.), Senate Finance Chairman Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), House Ways and Means Chairman Kevin Brady (R-Texas), Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and National Economic Council Director Gary Cohn — released their "unified framework" for overhauling the U.S. tax code. The nine-page document will serve as a starting point for tax writers in both the House and the Senate to hash out the rest of the details.

But before it fleshes out the details of tax reform, Congress will need to pass a budget resolution that includes tax reform instructions so that it can then use budget reconciliation for tax reform. Budget reconciliation is a legislative maneuver that allows the majority in the Senate to bypass the filibuster process, allowing them to pass legislation with 51 votes, instead of the normal 60. The House is expected to vote on its FY 2018 budget on Thursday. In the Senate, the full Budget Committee is expected to mark up its budget plan, which is quite different than the House bill, later this week.

Concerning tax reform, the Senate budget would allow tax writers to add as much as \$1.5 trillion to the deficit over 10 years, but the House budget would not allow a tax plan to add to the deficit. This is just one of several differences that the two chambers will have to reconcile before moving forward on a tax package. Budget aside, the White House is optimistic for a tax plan to move quickly through Congress. "We would hope to be in the Senate in November," Cohn told reporters last week. "And we would hope to have a bill done by this year."

Meanwhile, the administration and GOP leaders will need to package this plan and sell it to the public as tax relief for the middle class and not a windfall for the wealthiest Americans if they want the reform to make it across the finish line. They will also need to secure the necessary votes in the Senate, which is anything but assured given that the slim Republican majority can ill-afford to lose votes of support.

In sum, enacting a tax plan this year might be overly optimistic given the tight congressional calendar and lack of agreement on key policy details. While Republicans are desperate for a win and a legislative victory, tax reform is by no means an easy feat and the process may continue well into 2018.

NCSL Contacts: Max Behlke; Jake Lestock

NCSL Urges Preservation of the SALT Deduction

On Sept. 27, NCSL released the following statement regarding the tax reform framework:

As a central tenet of tax reform is to provide tax relief for the middle class, NCSL is dismayed that the released framework will eliminate a deduction that is vital to middle class taxpayers, the State and Local Tax (SALT) deduction. The SALT deduction has existed in the federal tax code since its inception, which coincidentally was also when the federal tax code was at its simplest, because federal tax writers were cognizant to not tax an individual's income twice.

Eliminating this deduction will lead to higher tax burdens for tens of millions of middle class taxpayers of every political affiliation, an outcome contrary to the stated goal of providing meaningful relief to taxpayers. The elimination of the SALT deduction also impedes the ability of states to invest in infrastructure, fund education, and provide the vital public services that Americans expect from their state and local governments.

Ensuring that the incomes of American workers are not taxed twice hardly counts as a special interest tax break or loophole that needs to be closed. NCSL strongly supports preservation of the SALT deduction and opposes any attempt to harm middle class taxpayers and their communities.

Protect state taxpayers. Protect local decision making. Protect SALT.

NCSL Contacts: Max Behlke; Jake Lestock

DYK? The Coinage Act of 1792 established the U.S. Mint, created the dollar as the nation's standard unit of money, and regulated the country's coinage. Specifically, the law specified that \$10, \$5 and \$2.50 coins (known as eagles, half-eagles and quarter-eagles) were to be made of their face value in gold, while the dollar, half-dollar, quarter-dollar, dime and half-dime coins were to be made of their value in silver. Criminals found that they could make a profit by filing shavings from the sides of gold and silver coins, and selling it. It did not take long for the U.S. Mint to begin adding ridges to the coins' edges, a process called "reeding," to make it impossible to shave them down without the result being obvious. As a side benefit, the reeded edges make counterfeiting more difficult.

SCOTUS Gerrymandering Case Could Reshape American Politics

"There is only one prediction that is entirely safe about the upcoming term, and that is it will be momentous."

- Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Sept. 20, 2017

Today, the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) returns for what could be one of the most consequential terms of the court in recent memory. In addition to cases on immigration, religious freedom, and privacy already on the docket, it will hear oral arguments in a case about partisan gerrymandering in Wisconsin, where a federal court in November 2016 struck down a legislative map for being too partisan. In *Gill v. Whitford*, a panel of three federal judges ruled that the Wisconsin State Assembly map adopted in 2011 violated the First and 14th Amendments to the Constitution. If the court ultimately rules against the plaintiffs, it could mean that no amount of partisan bias could make electoral districts unconstitutional. But on the flipside, if the court sides with the plaintiffs, it could ultimately lead to drastic changes of electoral maps and how state legislatures draw them.

DYK? On this day in...

- **1996:** President Bill Clinton signed the Electronic Freedom of Information Act Amendments (E-FOIA), which required executive branch agencies to make certain types of records, created on or after Nov. 1, 1996, to be made available electronically. The amendments also required agencies to provide electronic reading rooms for citizens to use and extended the response time to FOIA requests from 10 days to 20 business days.
- **1980:** Pennsylvania Congressman Michael Myers became the first member of either chamber of Congress to be expelled since the Civil War, for his involvement in the Abscam scandal. As part of the public corruption investigation, Myers was videotaped accepting a \$50,000 bribe from undercover FBI Agents.
- **1967:** Thurgood Marshall was sworn in as the first African-American Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Senate Releases Bipartisan Autonomous Vehicle Legislation That Pre-empts States

On Sep. 28, Senate Commerce Committee Chairman John Thune (R-S.D.), and Senators Gary Peters (D-Mich.), Roy Blunt (R-Mo.), and Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) unveiled legislation regarding autonomous vehicles—the American Vision for Safer Transportation Through Advancement of Revolutionary Technologies (AV START)

Act. The AV START Act is similar to the House passed SELF DRIVE but it also contains several significant differences as well as areas of concerns for states, notably in the areas of pre-emption and safety evaluation reports. The Commerce Committee will consider the legislation at a markup schedule for Oct. 4.

Pre-emption

The Senate committee bill currently includes a pre-emption section identical to that included in the bill passed by the House. Specifically, the language would pre-empt states from regulating the performance of automated driving systems (ADS) as well as any "unreasonable restrictions" concerning registration, licensing, driving education and training, insurance, law enforcement, crash investigations, safety and emissions inspections, congestion management of vehicles on the street with in a state or political subdivision of a state, or traffic on the design, construction, or performance of highly automated vehicles or ADS. **NCSL Urges State Legislators to Contact their Congressional Delegations to Voice their Opposition to the Pre-Emption.**

Additionally, the bill would prohibit a state from issuing licenses for a dedicated highly automated vehicle (DHAV), which the bill defines as a level 4 or 5 automated vehicle, in a way that discriminates against those with disabilities.

A full NCSL analysis of the AV START legislation can be read [here](#).

NCSL Contacts: Ben Husch; Kristen Hildreth

A Deeper Dive on Transportation, Energy, Environment and Agriculture Policy

For those looking for a deep dive on federal Transportation, Energy, Environment and Agriculture topics, please check out the September editions of our Natural Resources and Infrastructure Committee's three monthly newsletters:

- Energy & Agriculture Update - latest federal developments influencing agriculture and energy policy
- Environment Update - latest federal developments on environment policy
- Transportation Update - latest federal developments on transportation policy

NCSL Contacts: Ben Husch; Kristen Hildreth

DYK? Russia did not consider beer, or any beverage that contained less than 10 percent alcohol, to be alcoholic until 2011. They previously classified it as a soft drink. The new restrictions were signed off by then

President Dmitry Medvedev as part of an attempt to counter alcohol abuse, which he earlier called a "national calamity."

Supreme Court Will Hear Far-Reaching Union Case

The Supreme Court of the United States agreed on Thursday to hear *Janus v. AFSCME*, a case challenging the legality of union fees that could have serious ramifications for public sector unions. The case revolves around Illinois state employee Mark Janus, who contends the requirement that he pay union fees to the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) violates his free speech rights. The justices considered this issue once before, when the Court took up *Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association* last year. That case was brought by a California teacher, Rebecca Friedrichs, and resulted in a 4-4 deadlock following the death of Justice Antonin Scalia. Should the justices vote the same way, Neil Gorsuch will be in a position to offer the final tie-breaking vote.

NCSL Contacts: Joan Wodiska, Lucia Bragg

Trump Signs Hurricane Relief Legislation for Schools, Issues Hurricane Relief Guidance

The president signed S. 1866 into law on Friday after the bill passed through Congress last week. The bill offers various forms of support for schools and colleges impacted by the recent hurricanes. Specifically, the law:

- Allows the U.S. Department of Education to waive a requirement that higher education institutions contribute matching funds as part of the Federal Work Study and Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant programs.
- Redistributions the unused funds in those programs to colleges affected by the hurricanes.
- Provides access for private schools to funds available under the Project School Emergency Response to Violence program.

The law comes on the heels of new non-regulatory hurricane relief guidance, issued by the department on Sept. 22. The guidance identifies areas of federal law that are subject to flexibility and waivers for grantees and program participants impacted by natural disasters. The guidance focuses on support and flexibility options available to schools, state educational agencies, state lead agencies, local educational agencies, local early intervention service programs and providers, State Vocational Rehabilitation agencies, the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)-funded schools, Tribes, and postsecondary institutions with a

focus on the 2017 hurricanes. The department will hold a webinar discussing the details of the guidance on Thursday, Oct. 5 at 2 p.m. ET. Interested participants may register [here](#).

NCSL Contacts: Joan Wodiska, Lucia Bragg

HHS Secretary Pays Price for Travel

On Friday, Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price resigned for his use of private charter and military jets to travel around the country at taxpayer expense. Don Wright, a longtime U. S. Health and Human Services (HHS) career employee, doctor and public health expert was named acting HHS secretary Friday following Price's resignation. Soon after Price stepped down, Washington began speculating about possible candidates for his replacement, including:

- Scott Gottlieb, the commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration
- Seema Verma, the administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- David Shulkin, the secretary of veterans affairs
- Former Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal
- Florida Governor Rick Scott

NCSL Contact: Haley Nicholson

Also of Note...

Federal Funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), which covers 9 million children, expired on Sept. 30. If Congress does not act, the Kaiser Family Foundation expects 10 states to run out of money for the program by the end of the year, and 21 states will be out of money by March 2018.

NCSL Contact: Haley Nicholson

The National Flood Insurance Program, a federal program that aims to provide affordable flood insurance to property owners, has depleted its borrowing authority after a series of devastating hurricanes over the past several weeks. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which runs the program, notified Congress on Sept. 20 that it borrowed \$5.8 billion from the Treasury to fund losses this year, including those incurred by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, and "anticipated programmatic activities." The balance of FEMA's remaining borrowing authority is now zero, according to the agency.

NCSL Contact: Ethan Wilson

Read the Sept. 25, 2017, Capitol-to-Capitol.

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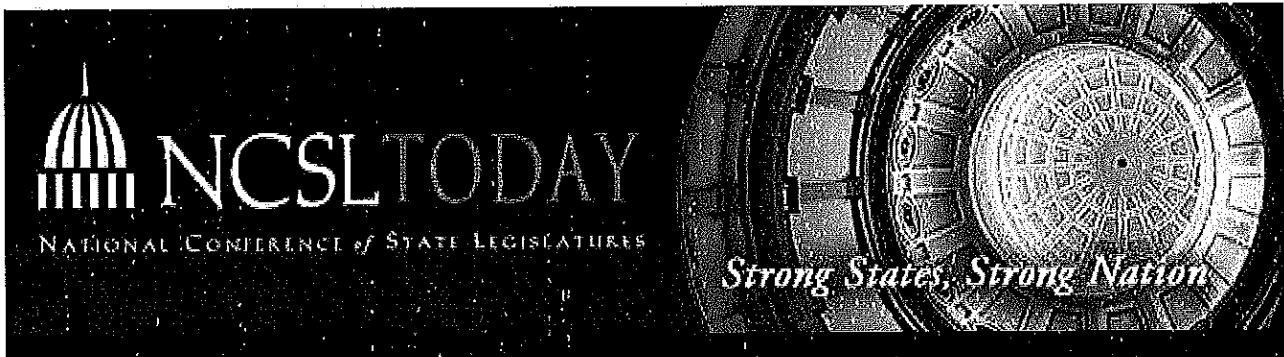
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Stateline

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After Russian hackers targeted state voting systems last year, some officials are renewing their focus on switching to paper ballots, which they say are more secure and leave an audit trail. **NCSL consultant Katy Owens Hubler quoted.**

Mass shooting rekindles gun debate

The Hill

The national debate over gun violence was rekindled Monday after a gunman in Las Vegas opened fire on an outdoor concert crowd, killing at least 59 and wounding or injuring more than 500 others.

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Government jobs sprouting as legal pot looms in California

Associated Press

The state is on a hiring binge to fill what eventually will be hundreds of new government positions by 2019 intended to bring order to the legal pot economy, from keeping watch on what's seeping into streams near cannabis grows to running background checks on storefront sellers who want government licenses.

Arkansas spending for Medicaid rises

Arkansas Online

Driven by enrollment that surged past expectations, spending on Arkansas' expanded Medicaid program grew by almost 24 percent during the fiscal year that ended June 30, surpassing what state officials initially projected by about \$200 million.

Stagnant farm economy slows growth in Iowa, Nebraska

The Des Moines Register

A stagnant farm economy that has slowed Nebraska and Iowa's income growth to the lowest levels in the nation is also contributing to state budget problems that could linger through next year, officials said.

How hurricane responders track people whose lives depend on power

Stateline

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On Sept. 27, President Donald Trump and the "Big Six"—which includes Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wis.), Senate Finance Chairman Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), House Ways and Means Chairman Kevin Brady (R-Texas), Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and National Economic Council Director Gary Cohn—released their "unified framework" for overhauling the U.S. tax code.



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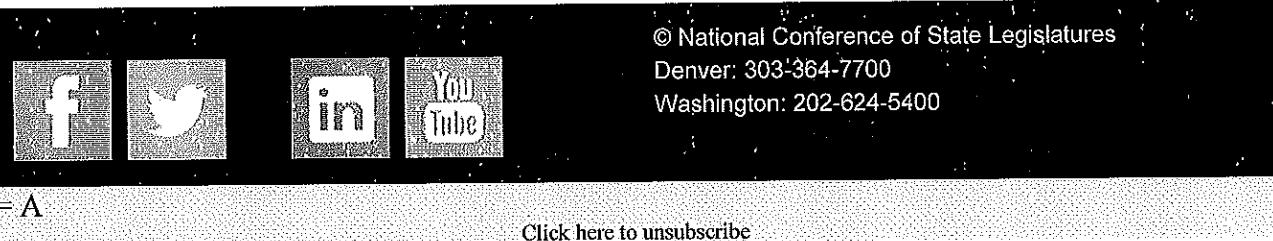


frustration. State and local emergency managers are using data to keep them safe.

Supreme Court to hear public sector union dues case (again)

In 2016 the U.S. Supreme Court was expected to overrule a nearly 40-year old precedent requiring public sector employees who don't join the union to pay their "fair share" of collective bargaining costs.

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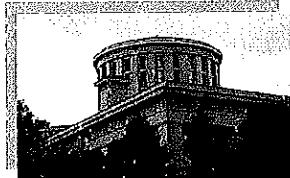
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2018 LSC FELLOW BIOGRAPHIES

Bryanna Austin
B.A. Political Science
Ashland University

Bryanna, an Akron, Ohio native, is a recent graduate of Ashland University. She studied Political Science and participated in the Ashbrook Scholar Program. While at Ashland, Bryanna also was a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, Pi Sigma Alpha, Theta Phi Alpha, and the Pre-Law Society. She has future plans of becoming a lawyer. A former policy research intern at The Buckeye Institute, Bryanna researched policy regarding criminal justice reform and occupational licensing. Bryanna is a lover of diamonds. More specifically, she has a soft spot for a unique diamond--a baseball diamond. Since the age of three, Bryanna and her twin brother have been loyal fans of the Cleveland Indians. Bryanna's hobbies include shopping, spending time with family and friends, and going to Tribe games. She is excited to start the next phase of her life in Columbus, and she is honored to be a Legislative Fellow. And, as always, GO BUCKS!

Daivon Barrow
B.A. Sport Communication
Ashland University

Daivon recently graduated from Ashland University where he majored in Sport Communication. A native of Columbus, Ohio, Daivon has a passion for serving others. At Ashland University, after a season ending football injury, he started Brothers in Action. The goal of this organization was to improve the interactions and dialogue between all men of different races and ethnicities on campus. Along with being the founder and president of Brothers in Action, Daivon served as a tour guide, a student admissions ambassador, and the senior class vice president. Through his campus involvement, he earned a presidential internship with Ashland University's President Carlos Campo. Daivon enjoys staying active in his community and mentoring young men.

Nicholas Bartulovic
B.A. Political Science and History
Ashland University

Nicholas is a 2017 graduate of Ashland University. There, he studied history and political science with minors in music composition and philosophy. Originally from Hudson, Ohio, Nicholas is primarily interested in political philosophy and aesthetics. He has been involved in many statewide and national campaigns throughout the state of Ohio, all while serving as an intern and scholar at The Buckeye Institute and the Intercollegiate Studies Institute. Though having further aspirations to return to school and teach, Nicholas believes that the art of practicing politics well in the real world is essential to the health of our Republic. Additionally, Nicholas is a classically trained violinist and is

an avid follower of all things relating to Cleveland sports, and has spent the last two years building a library.

Jack Brubaker
B.A. Political Science
Wittenberg University

Jack is a recent political science graduate of Wittenberg University. He previously served as a page in the Ohio House of Representatives. While at Wittenberg, Jack was active in Fishing Club, Rotaract Club (student Rotary Club), Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, Judiciary Board, and the Alumni Relations Committee. Last fall, he was an intern for State Representative Kyle Koehler's re-election campaign. Jack has aspirations of becoming a lawyer. He's particularly interested in Energy Law and Insurance Law. Following graduation, Jack worked on a guest-ranch in Wyoming. In his free time, Jack enjoys outdoor activities such as fishing and Frisbee golf and volunteering with his church, Upper Arlington Lutheran Church. He is a native of Bexley, Ohio.

Andrea Bush
B.A. Political Science
Ohio State University

In December, Andrea will graduate from Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science with a focus in American Politics, making her a second-generation Buckeye. She entered college as a pharmaceutical science major, but found her passion in political science. Andrea's interest in the Ohio General Assembly and public service dates back to the middle of her college career when she served as an intern and page in the Ohio House of Representatives. Andrea currently serves as a constituent aide in the House with Representative Doug Green. In addition to her work with the GA, Andrea spent a summer working as an Outdoor Education Staff Member with the Lancaster Ohio Parks Department. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, watching movies, and listening to music. Andrea says she spends a lot of time and money looking for albums she will never find and buying books she may never read. Andrea is a Cleveland sports fan and calls Lancaster, Ohio, home.

Carla Carvalho
Bachelor of Social Work
Master of Business Administration
Master of Social Work
Florida State University

Carla was born in São Paulo, Brazil, and raised in southern Florida. She is an advocate and social worker interested in policy. Carla is a graduate of Florida State University, where she earned Bachelor of Social Work, Master of Social Work, and Master of Business Administration degrees. Her education and experience in both micro- and macro-level social work has shaped the way she thinks about government and legislating. Carla is passionate about accessible and affordable treatment for opioid addiction. She is very interested in criminal justice reform, race/ethnic studies, immigration reform, and trauma-informed care. In the past, Carla has been a mentor and a public policy

apprentice with The Children's Campaign in Tallahassee, Florida. Her hobbies include cooking, exercising, and reading and writing about social justice issues.

Joseph Cicchillo
B.A. Politics and Government
Ohio Wesleyan University

Joseph recently graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University, where he majored in Politics and Government and minored in Economics. He was born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia. Ohio Wesleyan brought him to Ohio and fostered his love for the state. While at Ohio Wesleyan, Joseph joined Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. Along with his fraternal involvement, Joseph was a government relations assistant for the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Ohio. He has legislative office experience from his time serving as a congressional intern with Congressman Tom Price. During the summer of 2014, Joseph served as a campaign intern with Jack Kingston's primary senatorial campaign in Atlanta, Georgia. He is a huge *Game of Thrones* follower and an avid fan of soccer and video games. Joseph enjoys listening to music, with his favorite genre being rock.

Sarah Crock
B.A. Communication
Asbury University

Sarah Crock is a Uniontown, Ohio, native and a 2017 graduate of Asbury University with a B.A. in Communication. During Sarah's time at Asbury, she enjoyed working in several departments in such positions as ambassador for admissions and student writer for the advancement office. Sarah was also employed with the alumni and student development offices. In addition to spending a semester studying in Spain, she was heavily involved in the leadership of several large-scale projects for Asbury. Those projects included the Highbridge Film Festival and a 5K that raised support funds for a community member. Sarah first explored state politics by attending TeenPact as a high school student. In her spare time, Sarah enjoys performing and playing violin, a hobby of over ten years.

Robert Crum
B.A. Politics and Government
Ohio Wesleyan University

Robert is a recent graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University, where he majored in Politics and Government and minored in Economics. During his time at Ohio Wesleyan, Robert served as a residential assistant which allowed him to develop administrative skills. He first gained public service experience during a church trip in the Appalachian regions of Kentucky. Robert has experience working in a legislative office from his internships with Congressman Pat Tiberi and Senator Rob Portman. He has served as a member of Ohio Wesleyan's Republican Mock Convention and a student-led improvisational comedy troupe.

Mark Finneran
B.A. Political Science
Ohio State University

Mark was not always interested in politics, but that would all change during his senior year of high school. It was then that his government teacher opened his eyes to the power of government over our daily lives. Mark graduated from Ohio State University in May with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. During his time at OSU, Mark was active in politics, serving as a finance staffer for statewide campaigns in the 2014 and 2016 election cycles and as a member of College Democrats. In 2015, Mark served as an intern in Senator Cecil Thomas' office. Since graduation, Mark has been employed at The Success Group as an office manager and scheduler. Outside of politics, Mark's passions include the Cleveland Browns, *Seinfeld*, and his dog.

Jessica Frank
B.A. English and Political Science
Xavier University

Originally from Cleveland, Ohio, Jessie has lived in Cincinnati for the past four years while studying English and Political Science at Xavier University, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree this past May. Her studies led her to particularly focus on questions related to income inequality, political participation, artistic social transformation, racism, and feminism. While at Xavier, Jessie worked at the university's Writing Center, pursued her passion for social justice in the Dorothy Day Center for Faith and Justice, and served as a political science research assistant. Her prior work experience includes internships with the City of Cincinnati, the *Cincinnati Enquirer*, and the Ohio House of Representatives. This summer, she worked as a Seasongood Intern for Cincinnati's Citizen Complaint Authority, an impartial agency that investigates allegations against police officers and aims to improve police-community relations. When there is downtime, Jessie enjoys cooking, running, and writing poetry.

Greta Frost
B.A. Political Science/International Relations and Economics
Youngstown State University

Greta is a recent graduate of Youngstown State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Political Science/International Relations. Greta received the Leslie H. Cochran University Full Academic Scholarship at YSU, which required participation in the Honors College as well as completing at least sixty hours of community service per academic year. During her time in college, Greta completed internships as a Legislative Intern with Congressman Tim Ryan (OH-13) in Washington, D.C., as well as an internship with the Western Reserve Port Authority, conducting research on brownfield sites and analyzing their impact on property values in Mahoning and Trumbull counties. She also worked as Campaign Manager for Representative John Boccieri's re-election campaign in the fall of 2016. Greta has a strong interest in studying Arabic language as she demonstrated through her time studying abroad in Morocco in 2014. Her future plans include continuing to work as a public servant and attending law school in Washington, D.C. In her free time, Greta enjoys running and watching Netflix.

Ángel Guzman**B.A. International Relations and Diplomacy****Ohio State University**

Ángel was born and raised in Puerto Rico, where he grew-up with a strong passion for domestic and international politics, languages and cultures. He moved to Columbus in 2013, pursuing a college education at Ohio State University. While in school, Ángel quickly grew fond of Ohio and decided to get involved in organizations and communities within his campus and around the city. At OSU, Ángel participated in the John Glenn Learning Community and the Politics Society and Law Scholars, while also being involved in culturally driven groups such as the Latino, Puerto Rican, and Brazilian Student Associations. He had the opportunity to intern at the Community Refugee and Immigration Services and at the Center for Latin American Studies, providing ESL courses to clients from Africa and the Middle East as well as university services to Latin American students and faculty. Later, Ángel became especially interested in State Government through the Gluck-Asher Program, in which he interned with State Representative John Patterson, helping and serving Ashtabula County's constituents. This past May, Ángel graduated from OSU with a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Relations and Diplomacy with minors in Portuguese and City and Regional Planning. Ángel's plans for the future include studying law and being actively involved in state government, both in Ohio and Puerto Rico.

Benjamin Kindel**B.A. Political Science****Kent State University**

Benjamin is a native of Parma, Ohio. This December, he will graduate from Kent State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. Benjamin has served as a Congressional Intern with Congressman Dave Joyce as well an intern with Shumaker Advisors. On his campus, he was active with the Dean's Student Advisory Council and the Mock Trial Team. Benjamin was not always interested in politics. While in high school, he was determined to become an engineer and join the military. After his first government class, Benjamin's plans shifted. His future plans include some advocacy work and issue lobbying. With his spare time, Benjamin enjoys running, hiking, and staying active.

Sarah Knepp**B.A. Political Science and Journalism****Miami University**

Sarah graduated from Miami University in May with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism and Political Science and a minor in Spanish. While at Miami, she wrote for the student newspaper and worked as a campus tour guide, among other things. Sarah was also actively involved in her sorority, Delta Delta Delta, where she served as recruitment director for three years and as a member of various other committees that helped organize events for the group. One of Sarah's most memorable moments at Miami was meeting Piper Kerman, the woman who inspired the series *Orange is the New Black*. Her favorite memory, though, was spending a summer in Washington, D.C., working on Capitol Hill through Miami's Inside Washington program. She is looking forward to being back in

the public sector and applying all that she's learned the past four years to help change lives in the State of Ohio. Sarah calls Toledo, Ohio, home.

John Markovich
B.A. Political Science
Kent State University

John was born and raised in Youngstown, Ohio. In May of 2017, he graduated from Kent State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science with a focus in American Politics. John is a first-generation college graduate, which is something that his family is very proud of. While in school, he served as a Library Assistant at the KSU Library and as an Officer in the Pre-Law Club. John has worked as a server for over three years at Michael Alberini's Restaurant and Wine Shop and as a Camp Counselor at the Leonard Kirtz School. He has volunteered on several local and statewide campaigns and at various elementary schools around Youngstown. John's interest in politics grew when he participated in Kent State's Columbus Program in State Issues. He has written several research papers that include such topics as judicial politics, the history and relevance of Ohio as a bellwether state in presidential elections, and racial inequalities related to mass incarceration of minorities. In his spare time, John enjoys golfing, fishing, and biking the trails in Mill Creek Park.

J. Collin Marozzi
B.A. Political Science
Allegheny College
M.A. Applied Politics
University of Akron

Collin was born and raised in Rootstown, Ohio, located in Portage County. After graduating from Rootstown High School, he attended Allegheny College in Meadville, Pennsylvania, where he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. During his time at Allegheny, Collin served as president of his fraternity and was a member of the men's golf team. Upon graduation from Allegheny College, Collin moved back to Northeast Ohio and spent a gap year working in public service. He decided to apply and was accepted at the University of Akron's Bliss Institute to pursue his Master's degree in Applied Politics. While studying at Akron, Collin spent a majority of the 2016 school year in Columbus working for both a non-profit and a U.S Senator's office. During his undergraduate and graduate studies, Collin worked for several political campaigns ranging from national presidential elections to local judicial campaigns. When he isn't working, Collin loves to golf and cheer on his Cleveland sports teams (as difficult as that is sometimes) and he is an avid reader.

Kate Millen
B.A. Family Science
Miami University

Kate graduated from Miami University in May of 2017. She earned degrees in both Family Studies and Political Science. After graduation, she worked as a professional recruiter with a healthcare firm. Kate was raised in Perrysburg, Ohio, and is a recent addition to the Columbus area. She has previous experience in the field of politics, interning for both the Ohio House of Representatives and for her

local Congressman. In her free time, Kate enjoys running outside on local trails and reading a good book. She also enjoys hanging out with her dog and catching up on the news, both local and from around the world. Her greatest belief is to work hard and to always "go for it," because no matter what happens, it was an experience to learn from. Kate is thrilled to begin this opportunity with the fellowship program. She looks forward to the immeasurable knowledge to be gained and to the ability to contribute her perspective to the tasks at hand.

Autumn Mitchell
B.A. Political Science
University of Toledo

Autumn graduated from the University of Toledo in 2016 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and a concentration in Public Administration. Her most memorable moments during her undergraduate years include working as a new student orientation leader and mentoring incoming multicultural freshmen. Upon graduation, Autumn committed to a year of full-time service with AmeriCorps VISTA to implement Connect 2 Complete, a retention program focused on civic engagement. Autumn decided to join AmeriCorps VISTA because she believes that with the right resources and mentoring, any student can succeed at an institution of higher education. As a first-generation college student, Autumn overcame challenges and would like to inspire others to do the same. She desires to learn more about the policymaking process and how she can lend a voice in the future. In her spare time, Autumn enjoys playing volleyball in adult leagues, traveling with family, and binge watching Netflix shows.

Allison Schoeppner
B.A. Global Studies War and Peace
M.A. International Development Studies
Ohio University

Allison grew up in Athens, Ohio, and attended Ohio University where she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Global Studies - War and Peace and her Master of Arts degree in International Development Studies. During her time at OU, Allison did extensive work with the school's Global Leadership Center. First, earning a certificate in Global Leadership, and then serving as a graduate assistant. Through this work, Allison traveled to Ghana and Vietnam, working on various projects. Previously, she worked as a Community/Student Organizer for United Campus Ministries and as a Desk and Field Researcher for Global News Matters. Allison's future plans are to work in the non-profit sector. In her free time, Allison enjoys reading, traveling, and being outdoors, especially in water.

Mitchell Smith
B.A. Political Science and American Studies
M.A. History
University of Arkansas
Ph.D. History (ABD)
Ohio University

Originally from Bentonville, Arkansas, Mitchell earned his B.A. in 2009 from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville with majors in Political Science and American Studies and a minor in History. The following fall, Mitchell re-enrolled at Arkansas to begin an M.A. in American History. Upon completing his master's thesis, Mitchell began his doctorate at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, where he became a fellow at the Contemporary History Institute. While pursuing his PhD, Mitchell also worked as a teaching assistant, research assistant, and instructor. He has received numerous scholarships from both internal and external funding sources, including the Claude Kantner Graduate Fellowship from Ohio University and a Moody Research Grant from the Lyndon Johnson Presidential Library. The awards were used to conduct primary source research for his dissertation, which examines grassroots support for America's Vietnam War. Outside of the classroom, Mitchell was also an active participant in both Student Senate and Graduate Student Senate at Ohio University and worked with local charities such as Big Brothers, Big Sisters and the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

Hannah Stanbery
B.A. Political Science and M.P.A.
Bowling Green State University

Hannah is originally from Newark, Ohio, and is a current graduate student at Bowling Green State University in the Master's Program for Public Administration. While a graduate student, she is working on her thesis, conducting research for a professor and working for BGSU's Title IX Office. She also received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from BGSU, where she participated in Undergraduate Student Government as Chief of Staff and Sigma Kappa as the Executive Vice President. She hopes to continue her career in government for the State of Ohio. In her free time, Hannah likes to travel and spend time with her golden retriever, Freddie.

Sydney Waltz
B.F.A. Motion Picture Production
Wright State University

Sydney was born and raised in New Philadelphia, Ohio. As a high school freshman, she developed a love for "old" movies and anything that had to do with movie making. After years of delving into filmmaking, Sydney realized it was her calling, so she decided to pursue motion picture production as a career. She received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Motion Picture Production from Wright State University in May of 2016. After graduating, Sydney had the privilege to work on several feature films in Ohio and Kentucky, which allowed her to gain real-world experience in the industry. In addition, several of Sydney's college films are being shown at festivals around the United States.

Through these film festivals, she has the opportunity to network with other filmmakers and focus on her career path of becoming the filmmaker she's always wanted to be.

Seth Wenrich
B.A. Film Studies
Ohio State University

Seth grew up in the Columbus suburb of Westerville, Ohio. Choosing Ohio State University was easy because his mother, who he affectionately calls "mum," was an alumnus. Seth began his college career studying computer science, but ended up combining his passions for the film world and technology to discover the big, broad world of video production. From there, Seth met many friends and learned a great deal before interning for WOSU, a local station where he met many great people, including a mentor of his, Chuck Oney. Post-graduation, Seth aspires to one day be a high-up editor of some sort, with a jaw-dropping suite, working for either the greatest television channels or even the greatest directors.

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